

# ASH WEDNESDAY 2022

The liturgy begins on page 264 of the Book of Common Prayer

## Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer, p. 264

## Hymn

LEVAS 54, v 1-4

1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!  
2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun goes down,  
3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;  
4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts, Bright with Thy praise,  
5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky,

1. Even though it be a cross That rais - eth me;  
2. Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone:  
3. All that Thou send - est me, In mer - cy giv'n:  
4. Out of my ston - y griefs, Beth - el I'll raise;  
5. Sun, moon and stars for - got, Up - wards I fly.

1. Still all my song would be  
2. Yet in my dreams I'd be  
3. An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee.  
4. So by my woes to be  
5. Still all my song shall be

Near - er my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

## Hebrew Scripture Reading

Joel 2:1-2,12-17

### Psalm 103:8-14

Book of Common Prayer, pp. 733-734

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.

### Hymn

WLP 825

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first line of musical notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and consists of two staves. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F#4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) begins with a quarter note G2, a quarter note B2, a quarter note D3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, and a half note C4. The piano part includes a first ending bracket over the final two measures.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The second line of musical notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and consists of two staves. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F#4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) begins with a quarter note G2, a quarter note B2, a quarter note D3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, and a half note C4. The piano part includes a first ending bracket over the final two measures.

### The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

### The Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### Homily

*The Reverend Mary D. Lindquist*

### Call to a Holy Lent

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 264-265*

### Imposition of Ashes

*All remain kneeling or sitting for the chanting of*

### Psalm 51

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 266*

### Litany of Penitence

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 267*

*The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling*

Most holy and merciful Father:  
We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints  
in heaven and on earth,

that we have sinned by our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

*The Celebrant continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*Have mercy on us, Lord.*

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*Have mercy on us, Lord.*

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,  
*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

*We confess to you, Lord.*

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

*Accept our repentance, Lord.*

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

*Accept our repentance, Lord.*

For our waste, pollution and exploitation of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

*Accept our repentance, Lord.*

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

*Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.*

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

*That we may show forth your glory in the world.*

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,  
*Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.*

## **The Absolution**

## **The Peace**

## **Holy Communion**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts,
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*The Presider praises God for God's creation and love.*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider recalls (and makes present for all) Jesus' life and last supper.*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider asks the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and the wine to be God's holy food.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Presider breaks the bread.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
**Have mercy on us.**

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*(For those not gathered, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion is below)*

Dear God, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into our hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

***Invitation to Receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion***

*At St. Michael's, we believe that God's love is unconditional. We welcome all people and we affirm the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a beloved child of God. In our celebration of the Eucharist, there is no one here who is ineligible or unwelcome; no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the table of a loving God set for all creation through the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) Music: *Evenide* William Henry Monk (1823-1885)

**Lenten Blessing**

**Dismissal**